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To: Tom Barnes

The General has reviewed the attached and appreciates the thoroughness in which you discuss this issue. For the moment, however, the President asked only for a listing with very little treatment of the various actions that could be taken by the U.S. as reciprocal gestures to North Vietnamese concessions on MIAs.

In addition, the General does not believe there is sufficient substance to justify resuming discussions in Paris and that such a proposal should await considerable involvement in the political atmosphere between us.

Finally, he believes that the memo, modified in accordance with the above guidance, can be substantially shortened. Could you please take these comments into account and resubmit the paper.

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